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SUBJ: LABOR UNIONS ATTACK ESSO

1. AT APRIL 16 CEREMONY IN LABOR MINISTRY CELEBRATING FUSION STATE PETROLEUM WORKERS (SUPE) AND UNION PRIVATE PETROLEUM WORKERS (FAPS), SUPE SECRETARY GENERAL DIEGO IBANEZ LASHED OUT AT ESSO AND OTHER MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES CALLING FOR NATIONALIZATION OF OIL REFINERIES AND EXPULSION OF MULTINATIONALS FROM COUNTRY. GENERAL LABOR CONFEDERATION (CGT) SUPPORTED IBANEZ IN ADVERTISEMENTS APPEARING IN MANY LOCAL NEWSPAPERS WHICH (1) REPUDIATED ESSO'S ATTITUDE IO INITIATING COURT ACTION CHALLENGING SOVEREIGNTY OF STATE AND (2) CALLED FOR TOTAL NATIONALIZATION OF PETROLEUM SECTOR INCLUDING REFINERIES OPERATED BY FOREIGN COMPANIES.

2. COMMENT: ESSO'S FEAR OF ADVERSE REACTION TO INITIATION COURT ACTION NOW APPEARS JUSTIFIED. APPARENT LABOR HOSTILITY TOWARD ESSO, AND ITS CALL FOR NATIONALIZATION ENTIRE PETROLEUM SECTOR LIKELY FURTHER COMPLICATE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ESSO AND GOA. HILL

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